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Arlington County Electoral Board Meeting Minutes Saturday, February 4, 2023

The Electoral Board of Arlington County met at 9:00 a.m. on February 4, 2023 at 2100 Clarendon Blvd, Room 318. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Kimberly Phillip, Chair and present were Richard Samp, Vice Chair, Scott McGeary, Secretary, Gretchen Reinemeyer, Director of Elections, and Tate Fall, Deputy Director of Elections.

Ms. Phillip moved that the minutes from the December 8, 2022 meeting be adopted. Mr. McGeary seconded the motion, and the minutes were adopted.

First on the agenda, Ms. Reinemeyer addressed ranked choice voting. The Arlington County Board passed an ordinance in December to allow ranked choice voting for the County Board primary. Arlington will be holding Virginia's first ranked choice voting election for the County Board race in the June Democratic Primary Election. As of February 4th, five candidates have filed for the County Board race and the Office of Voter Registration and Elections will be launching its ranked choice voting outreach in April to help educate voters and candidates.

Next on the agenda, Ms. Reinemeyer reviewed candidate filings for 2023. As of February 4th, the Office of Voter Registration and Elections has received candidate filings for County Board, Sheriff, Senate of Virginia 40th District, House of Delegates 2nd and 3rd Districts, Clerk of the Court, Commissioner of Revenue, Commonwealth's Attorney, and School Board. Ms. Reinemeyer noted that candidates will not qualify to be on the ballot until they have filed all their paperwork and paid their primary filing fees.

The next item on the agenda was the reappointment of Officers of Election for a term of March 1, 2023 to February 29, 2024. Mrs. Fall noted Officers to appoint included nominations from the Arlington GOP and Democratic parties. Ms. Phillip noted that the Electoral Board will accept Election Officer nominations from the parties ten days prior to every Electoral Board meeting throughout the year. Ms. Phillip moved to appoint the Officers of Election on the list be appointed for a term of March 1, 2023 to February 29, 2024. Mr. Samp seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Next on the agenda, Ms. Reinemeyer noted that newly appointed Electoral Board members are required to attend training. Mr. Samp will be required to attend state training, which will be held in conjunction with the Virginia Electoral Board Association's annual meeting in Roanoke.

Moving on, Ms. Phillip moved that the Board enter closed session pursuant to State Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(I): Personnel, (35): Security. The motion was approved, and the Board entered closed session at 9:25 a.m.

The Board reconvened the public session at 9:59 a.m. Upon entering the public session, the Board affirmed only public business matters lawfully exempt from open meeting requirements by Virginia Law, and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed session were here, discussed, or considered.

Ms. Phillip noted that proposed solutions related to concerns from Same Day Registration in the November 2022 election will be addressed in the March Electoral Board meeting, pending more information from the Department of Elections.

Next, Frank Lusby from the Arlington GOP Election Integrity Group presented an updated analysis of drop box usage in Arlington. Mr. Lusby recommended in his presentation that, based on the Arlington GOP Election Integrity Group's analysis, Arlington County mail ballot drop boxes should be reduced from nine to three to reduce costs, the potential for voter fraud, and boost public confidence in voter integrity. The Electoral Board asked Ms. Reinemeyer to prepare feedback on the Arlington GOP Election Integrity Group's drop box analysis for the next electoral board meeting.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

Kimberly Phillip, Chair

Richard Samp, Vice Chair

W. Scott McGeary, Secretary